

ASSESSMENTS AGAIN BROUGHT TO FRONT AT TAX HEARING

Listener Comes Forward Showing Papers to Prove He Had Been Assessed \$5,400.30 for Land Sold for \$2,000.

G. M. Seibold Continues Attack on Constitutionality of Taxing District Residents for Local Purposes.

After listening for the entire morning to G. M. Seibold's denial of the constitutionality of taxing the District citizens at all for local purposes, the Congressional committee on the half-and-half plan was about to adjourn when a listener, who gave his name as Wondrack, asked the committee to hear him for "just two minutes," and in that two minutes again directed attention to the assessment of property in the District by displaying papers to show that land he had bought for \$2,000 had been assessed for \$5,400.30.

"I bought this land on a speculation," he said, "and since it has been sold twice in six months, I was not surprised when I found that it was assessed at that figure."

BRINGS LAUGHTER.

This remark brought laughter from members of the committee, and Senator Chilton said: "You made \$3,400 on the deal and you didn't know it."

"This does not seem to me to be a laughing matter," said Congressman Cooper. "Here is evidence bearing directly on this question of whether a poor man's property in the District is over-assessed. It goes to show what so many have said before this committee. I do not say all these charges are true, but here is a remarkable illustration that would seem to uphold the contention."

All morning the members of the committee listened attentively to Mr. Seibold, a croaker, who spoke broken English, go into the history of the District in greatest detail, citing old legislation that has long since been forgotten and quoting from early court decisions regarding the Federal Government's rights of taxation.

Members of the committee first questioned him about absurd constitutional questions and nearly every time he answered them by citation from Supreme Court decisions. In answer to a question by Senator Salisbury he said he had been arrested several times for refusing to pay license taxes, one on a cigar store and another on a dog, and appealed to the courts, which he said the District, his contention that the government cannot legally tax the people.

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CRAZED MAN KILLS WIFE, SON, AND SELF

Dispairing Because of Ill Health, New Yorker Runs Amuck in Home With Razor.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Crazed with despair because of his wretched physical condition, Edward McManus, thirty-one years old, early today killed his wife Gertrude, thirty-one, and his little son William, four, by cutting their throats with a razor. He then killed himself with the same method after slashing his two-month-old daughter, Gertrude Mary. The infant was only slightly wounded about the throat, and will recover.

Mrs. McManus fled down the stairs of the apartment to her brother-in-law's apartment on the floor below, where McManus followed, slashing at her throat until she dropped unconscious just inside the door.

Bedini Fails to Catch Turnip; Tears Mouth; Wife Falls in Swoon

Crowd of 10,000 Persons Witnesses Juggler's Attempt to Spear Falling Object With Fork in His Teeth—"I Begged Him Not to Do It," Says Wife.

Bedini failed. Ten thousand people gathered in front of the Munsey building at 12:30 o'clock and saw the daring juggler make an unsuccessful effort to catch on the prongs of a fork held in his mouth a turnip weighing one pound dropped from the top of the Munsey building by P. T. Moran, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

An instant after he fork, on which Bedini expected to catch the turnip, fell to the ground, the juggler's wife, a little blonde girl, standing a few feet away in the crowd, shrieked and fainted.

"I begged him not to try it," she moaned, as she was carried inside the building. "I begged him on bended knees not to try it."

Bedini, as if dazed, stood for an instant after the fork was knocked from his mouth, then placed his hand to his hip and detected blood flowing. He fingered his teeth, and found several of them loosened by the impact of the turnip on the end of the fork.

"I'm sorry I failed, but I still believe I can do it," said Bedini. "I caught the turnip on one prong of the fork, but the wind that was blowing had carried it just a little away from me."

"My injury is not serious, but my mouth pained too severely to permit me to make another attempt. I wished to make another effort, but my wife was so sore I could not hold the fork."

Never Again, Says Wife. "He shall never do such a thing again," declared Mrs. Bedini, after she had been restored to consciousness. "I begged him this time not to try it, on my bended knees I begged him, and now he has promised never to try it."

Still trembling in consequence of the ordeal, Mrs. Bedini in a voice shaken with emotion laid her hand on her husband's shoulder and tried to deter him from risking himself again as a juggler.

"It was not till I saw the blood running from his mouth that I faltered," the little woman uttered. "I was nervous, of course, but I stood it all right while that terrible weight was falling. When I saw the blood, though, it was more than I could bear and I just gave way. But he will never try that trick any more."

"No," echoed Bedini, "she is right. The trick is too risky and I am done with it."

Crowd Gathers Early.

Although the exhibition was to take place at 12:30 o'clock, before 12 o'clock the crowd began to gather in front of the Munsey building, and continued to grow until the appointed hour. A crowd had assembled in front of the District Building to witness the first aid demonstration by members of the police force, and this crowd joined the Bedini crowd before the exhibition began.

When President Moran arrived at the Munsey building he went immediately to the top room, carrying with him a bag of turnips wrapped with yarn. He signaled to Bedini when he reached the window selected for him to use in throwing the turnip down.

Cabbage Falls on Stand.

Bedini assumed a position on the platform at the entrance of the Munsey building and all eyes were riveted on him. An instant later, however, Charles Mack, a diminutive comedian, took Bedini's fork, and placing it in his mouth, selected a cabbage from the platform. This was the signal for a five-pound head of cabbage to be tossed out of the top window, made a comic effort to spear the hurtling cabbage, but kept at a respectful distance from the vegetable. With a resound-

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PAID WIFE TO GIVE FREEDOM, SAYS CROAN

Lieutenant Commander Declares Mosey Was Used to Get Her Liberate Him.

DENIES "AFFAIRS" ON CRUISE
Naval Officer Declares He Was Drunk At Time of His Wedding.

Acknowledging that Mrs. Marie Cronan had refused to give him up and later capitulated when he agreed to provide for her maintenance, Lieut. Comdr. William P. Cronan, U. S. N., occupied the stand most of the morning in Justice Stanford's court, where he is the defendant in a suit brought by his former wife to recover \$7,000 alleged to be due on ante-divorce contract between the parties.

Minute details of the courtship, marriage and divorce of the Eleanora developed through the cross-examination of the naval officer by Attorney Joseph Cox, counsel for the plaintiff. Commander Cronan without hesitancy divulged information about his efforts to procure legal separation from Mrs. Cronan, but he denied many pointed inquiries by Attorney Cox who sought to probe into alleged "affairs" the naval officer had with persons he met during a cruise with the American fleet around the world from 1907 to 1909.

Denies Getting Tea Set. The witness emphatically denied that he had given a tea set by one of his admirers.

Touching on Lieutenant Commander Cronan's efforts to procure an annulment of his marriage to the plaintiff, which occurred in New York in May, 1909, Attorney Cox asked the witness if it was not true that Mrs. Cronan refused to give him up. The witness replied that she had refused.

"And afterward you bought her outfit," inquired Mr. Cox.

"I did," replied the witness. "According to the statement of the fact that Cronan was charged at the delay occasioned in terminating the marriage relation with Mrs. Cronan, Attorney Cox reviewed a visit made by the naval officer to Mrs. Cronan's apartment after employing counsel, and later having been criticized by his attorney for so doing."

The witness acknowledged that his attorney called him for visiting his wife when divorce proceedings were pending, but denied that he was told by his attorney that Mrs. Cronan was "greatly enraged because of his visit and that she threatened to go on the stage and intended to hold Cronan to his marriage obligations."

"You gave your attorney carte blanche to use the \$10,000 you gave him to bring about the divorce you desired," asked Attorney Cox.

"I did," replied the witness. "You then got married to one of the young ladies you met while going around the world?"

Intoxicated At Wedding.

That he was intoxicated when he married the plaintiff was the statement made by Commander Cronan at the outset of his cross-examination. He acknowledged that during his trip around the world he acted as a single man and he declared that when he first met his former wife that he told her he was married because he had been jilted by another woman.

The witness declared that when he reached California on the cruise, he visited a lawyer and told him that he was intoxicated when he married and that he wanted to get the marriage annulled. The attorney told him that he could not get an annulment under the circumstances and advised him to get the wife and attempt to have her get a divorce. Subsequently the arrangement was made whereby Mrs. Cronan procured the divorce without a trial, and which she was several years ago.

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Nine-Month Chase Ends With Arrest of William Cleary Here

Man Whose Daughter Sacrificed Her Honor to Save Him Is Arrested at Union Station.

Accusation Followed Acquittal on Charge of Killing His Son-in-Law.

Nine months of "dogging the police" ended in Union Station here today when William V. Cleary, formerly town clerk of Haverstraw, N. Y., acquitted last December of the killing of his young son-in-law, Eugene Newman, and now charged with grand larceny in the amount of \$10,000, was taken into custody.

He was arrested by Detective Fred Cornwell of the Central Office upon a warrant brought here early this morning by John McCullagh, chief of New York police when Theodore Roosevelt was commissioner, and now acting on behalf of Thomas Gagan, district attorney for Rockland county, N. Y.

Cleary waived extradition. He was placed aboard a New York train in charge of McCullagh at noon today. As he left police headquarters he said: "I do not fear to return, if I get anything like an even break."

Career Like Fiction. Cleary's life during the last two years might have been taken from a page of fiction. On July 23, 1914, he was a well-to-do respected official of the town of Haverstraw, where he and his wife and daughter Anna were well known.

On July 24, 1914, he faced a charge of having shot down Eugene B. Newman, who had been secretly married to his daughter some time before.

Reports of the case show that Newman went to Cleary's office on the afternoon of July 23 to inform the town clerk that he had been secretly married to his daughter, with whom he had eloped. Witnesses testified that before Newman could tell of his marriage, Cleary fired four shots into his body.

During the days which followed, Mrs. Cleary—the same little woman who sat with him in police headquarters here today—remained steadfastly at his side, until late in December when the town clerk was acquitted upon a defense which sacrificed his daughter's reputation.

Shortly after the trial, Cleary left his home in Haverstraw. After he had gone, the State controller's office at Albany announced that his accounts were badly tangled, a large portion of the poor fund, dispensed by Cleary, they charged, could not be accounted for and many of the records of his accounts had disappeared.

Fugitive Since Then.

Since that time, say the police, Cleary has been a fugitive with a price of \$500 on his head. He has wandered, according to partial admissions made by him today, from the eastern coast to California, and from there to South America. When (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

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